



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts !** When we issued the first Friday Night Fax on May 6<sup>th</sup>, little did we know that our offices would move, I would have knee surgery and a variety of other unexpected obstacles would occur to keep us from publishing our weekly update. We regret not keeping our commitment to you.

So we start again.

This issue will provide you with updates about Rx For Indiana, introduce you to our staff and highlight a couple of initiatives around the state. Please feel free to contact us at [info@ofbci.IN.gov](mailto:info@ofbci.IN.gov) or 317-233-4273 if you have a question or comment you would like to share

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**Rx For Indiana** continues to serve many Hoosiers who are in need of assistance with the cost of their prescription drugs. Over 71,000 people have used Rx For Indiana to determine if they are eligible for assistance and almost 72% of those who have requested assistance have initially qualified for discounts. Read the attached newsletter for additional information.

Don't forget that access to Rx for Indiana is at [www.rxforindiana.org](http://www.rxforindiana.org) or at 1-877-793-0765

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The **OFBCI staff** is committed to growing and strengthening the volunteer spirit and activities in Indiana through a variety of programs. Our efforts will include promoting and expanding the reach of AmeriCorps\* State programming, the establishment of new Citizens Corps Chapters, inclusion of faith-based organizations in every aspect of our outreach, and engaging all Hoosiers in volunteerism. To achieve these goals, a very committed and talented staff was assembled. They are:

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and response and its existing relationship with state and local governments, the President asked FEMA to take the lead role in coordinating Citizen Corps.

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) in partnership with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and the Counter Terrorism and Security (C-TASC) have identified Citizen Corps as a benefit to the State of Indiana, its communities, and the well being of all Hoosiers. As the State of Indiana's central-coordinating office for the service and volunteer sectors across the State, the ICCSV has been chosen as the State of Indiana's Point of Contact for the Citizen Corps efforts.

Citizen Corps brings together leaders from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical, emergency management, volunteer organizations, the private sector, and local elected officials to form Citizen Corps Councils. These Councils provide local oversight for engaging citizens in homeland security and for promoting community preparedness and family safety in three principal ways: through public education and outreach, through training opportunities, and through volunteer programs that draw on special skills and interests.

For more information, contact:

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Paula Parker-Sawyers congratulates *Tyler Henshaw* for earning the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award recognizes volunteer service and dedication to community and country with distinction. One of the many volunteer activities in which Tyler is involved is the Monroe County Citizen Corps represented here by Mark J. Brostoff.

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### Presidential Freedom Scholarships

The **Presidential Freedom Scholarships** program recognizes high school juniors and seniors for their outstanding leadership and commitment to their communities by offering a **\$1,000 scholarship for college**. The program, administered by Learn and Serve America at the Corporation for National and Community Service, provides \$500, which must be matched with \$500 from a community organization or business and secured by the high school.

Students who **complete at least 100 hours of community service**, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently are eligible to receive the scholarship. Each high school in the nation may select up to two students who have met and exceeded these requirements. This year the Corporation for National and Community Service is offering up to 7,800 scholarships. The final postmark deadline for submitting certification forms is Friday, **July 1, 2005**. For more information please visit: [www.cns.gov/scholarships](http://www.cns.gov/scholarships).